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The High Priests or Leaders of the Second Ward Republican Organization Seems to Be Always in Favor of Rewarding Its Members with High Political Honors or Positions Who Have at One Time or Another Endeavored to Disrupt or Break It Up

IN 1910 HON. EDWARD H. WRIGHT, WHOM THE HON. A. H. ROBERTS CLAIMS "HAS HAD HIS MOUTH GREASED WITH A FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR PER YEAR PORK CHOP," RAN FOR ALDERMAN OF THE SECOND WARD AND ATTEMPTED TO DEFEAT WILSON SHUFELT, THE REGULAR REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATION CANDIDATE; AND ALL THE COLORED PEOPLE WHO VOTED FOR MR. SHUFELT AT THE ELECTION AS AGAINST MR. WRIGHT WERE BITTERLY DENOUNCED AS ENEMIES AND TRAITORS TO THE RACE.

IN 1911 THE LATE LAMENTED JOHN C. BUCKNER, HON. OSCAR DEPRIEST AND HON. ROBERT B. JACKSON, ASSISTED TO DEFEAT HON. MILTON J. FOREMAN'S RE-ELECTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM THAT WARD. THEY SUPPORTED AL TEARNEY, THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE, FOR ALDERMAN, PROUDLY MARCHING AT THE HEAD OF HIS PARADE FROM 37th AND STATE STREETS, NORTH ON STATE STREET, RIGHT INTO THE CITY HALL WITH A BAND OF MUSIC IN THE LEAD.

IN THAT ALDERMANIC CONTEST THE REV. HON. ARCHIBALD JAMES CAREY, Ph. D. D., SO THEY CLAIM, PLAYED BOTH ENDS AND THE MIDDLE—THAT IS, ONE DAY HE WAS FOR ALDERMAN FOREMAN AND THE NEXT DAY HE WAS CLOSE UP BY THE SIDE OF THE HON. AL TEARNEY, WHO HAS ALWAYS BEEN HELD IN THE HIGHEST ESTEEM BY THE LEADING SPORTING PEOPLE IN THIS CITY.

COL. WRIGHT SUPPORTED CHARLES A. GRIFFIN FOR THE NOMINATION FOR ALDERMAN OF THE SECOND WARD AT THE PRIMARIES IN 1914 AND AT THE ELECTION THAT SAME SPRING HE THREW HIS STRENGTH AND INFLUENCE TO COL. WILLIAM RANDOLPH COWAN. AT NO STAGE OF THE GAME DID HE HAVE ONE WORD TO SAY IN FAVOR OF THE RE-ELECTION OF ALDERMAN HUGH NORRIS.

IN 1915 MR. WRIGHT AGAIN SUPPORTED MR. GRIFFIN FOR THE NOMINATION FOR ALDERMAN OF THE SECOND WARD AND BITTERLY FOUGHT THE HON. OSCAR DEPRIEST, WHO WAS THE REGULAR CANDIDATE OF THE SECOND WARD ORGANIZATION FOR ALDERMAN. AT THAT SAME PRIMARY THE HON. LOUIS B. ANDERSON ENDEAVORED TO BUST UP THAT ORGANIZATION AND KNOCK OUT MR. DEPRIEST.

IN 1917 THE HIGH CHIEFS OF THE SECOND WARD REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATION ENDORSED MR. ANDERSON FOR ALDERMAN, THEY BEING FEARFUL IF THEY FAILED TO DO SO THAT HE WOULD UTTERLY WRECK THE ORGANIZATION AND TOSS IT ONTO THE SCRAP PILE.

The short and stormy history of the second ward Republican organization clearly indicates that its members who conduct themselves like servile slaves never get anywhere in the way of holding good positions and especially is this true on the part of its Colored members just as long as its Colored members feel that they should feel highly honored to receive a bare bone with the meat all picked from it that is called all that the rank and file come in contact with except one or two names on primary or election day for as on those days that they feel that they shine forth as real statesmen. It has been so and it always will be, namely, that the wily and oily state machine politicians never give a class of Colored voters the slightest consideration when they feel reasonably sure that they can vote them out so many dumb driven cattle, and a general rule they have no use for the Colored man who thinks and acts for himself along political lines. The leaders and the high priests of the second ward Republican organization stands forth as an honored exception in that respect, for those who rule the roost over its destinies have for many years past felt that it is their duty to favor or highly reward its members with the highest political honors or positions who at all times put forth their best effort to break or bust up that organization.

For example prior to the spring election in 1910, the Hon. Edward H. Wright, who is known far and near as the head dog in the meat house and the head bearcat around the Appo-

mattox Club, for he can talk longer and louder than any of its other long winded wind jammers, who greatly delights so it is said to play a stiff game of stud poker and it is claimed although it may not be true, that lately some of the gambling members of the club skinned him out of almost two thousand dollars, that two decks of marked cards were used in that memorable game, was the right hand man of Col. C. Dewey who was for some time the White Republican boss of the second ward and Col. Dewey placed his stamp of approval upon Col. Wright making him the Colored boss of that same ward. Frequently Col. Dewey and Col. Wright would ride through that ward in the same buggy and Col. Wright would have his big feet sticking out over the dash board and whenever he would stop and point his finger at a Colored precinct committeeman or captain in the presence of Col. Dewey and inform him in his most bulldozing and rough house manner that "he was no good" that Colored captain or committeeman would then and there be stricken down and shorn of his political power and honor.

Long before the spring election in 1910, Col. Wright felt his oats to such an extent that he let it be known that he was in every way much smarter than Col. Dewey and that he would become the real boss of the second ward by running and being elected Alderman, but he was informed by Col. Dewey that the time was not ripe for a Colored gentleman of his make up to represent the people residing in the second ward in the City Council; then Col. Wright declared that "he was the

biggest boss in that ward and that no one could tell him when he could or could not run for Alderman." So Col. Wright without asking or consulting anybody, appointed himself the head leader of the Colored people residing in that ward and he entered the race as the independent Republican candidate for Alderman of that ward and after branding everybody who failed to shout for him and proclaim him the king of the Colored people as enemies and traitors to the Colored race, he received one thousand five hundred and eighty-three votes as against one thousand and eighty-one votes for Edward C. Wentworth, another independent Republican candidate (White) and Wilson Shufelt, the Col. Dewey or the regular Republican candidate trampled Col. Wright under his feet, he receiving three thousand six hundred and nineteen votes and was duly elected to the City Council from the second ward and for sometime thereafter Col. Dewey placed his big Texas feet on Col. Wright's neck.

It will be recalled that in 1911, that the late lamented Major John C. Buckner, Hon. Hon. Oscar DePriest and the Hon. Robert B. Jackson brought about the defeat of Alderman Milton J. Foreman in his effort to succeed himself in the City Council from the second ward and those three eminent leaders of the Colored race loyally supported Al Tearney the Democratic candidate for Alderman, greatly assisting to put him over the plate and on the night he was sworn in they proudly marched at the head of his parade from 37th and State street, north on that street with a band of music in the lead, right into the City Hall.

In that same Aldermanic contest the Rev. Hon. Archibald James Carey, Ph. D. D. so they claim played both ends and the middle and sometimes he shouted for Alderman Foreman and at other times he was loud in sounding the praises of the Hon. Al Tearney, who has always been a dead game sport and as it has been so well stated by the Hon. A. H. Roberts when he exclaimed that "the Hon. Edward H. Wright has had his big mouth greased with a five thousand dollar pork chop as his reward for fighting the second ward Republican organization and the Rev. Hon. Archibald James Carey, Ph. D. D. who misrepresents the Colored people like the Hon. Edward H. Wright, has had his mouth well greased with a smaller pork chop for doing the same thing.

In 1914, Col. Wright still had his back up and refused to follow in the footsteps of the head leaders of the Republican party in that ward and he supported Charles A. Griffin for the nomination for Alderman of that ward for they were fearful that if they failed to do so that he would fall upon them some way or other and utterly blot them all out of existence and leave the second ward Republican machine on the scrap pile or order it sold for so much old junk.

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desperate effort to defeat the nomination of the Hon. Oscar DePriest and to break up and destroy the second ward Republican organization and after that exciting election was over our two warm friends Messrs. Wright and Anderson in company with their bosom friend the Rev. Hon. Archibald James Carey, Ph. D. D., made successful home runs and all three of them landed in good positions in the City Hall.

In 1917 the grand high chiefs or priests of the Republican organization of the second ward wheeled into line on short notice and smilingly endorsed the Hon. Louis B. Anderson for the nomination for Alderman of that ward for they were fearful that if they failed to do so that he would fall upon them some way or other and utterly blot them all out of existence and leave the second ward Republican machine on the scrap pile or order it sold for so much old junk.

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HON. CHARLES M. FOELL.

One of the first class and honorable judges of the Superior Court, who will be re-elected to his present position this coming fall and who would make a dandy candidate for mayor of Chicago in 1919.

CHICAGO DEFENDER'S FAKE NEWS SERVICE.

Ben J. Davis of the Independent Runs Fake Story Down.

Atlanta, Ga.

In February, the following item purporting to be a news item, appeared in the columns of the Chicago Defender, a Negro publication, alleged to be owned and controlled by Wm. R. Hearst. Athens, Ga., Feb. 2.—Two little boys (one white) got to fighting in a town a few miles from here and the result was that the mother of the Race boy slapped the White one. Twelve men formed a mob and took her to the outskirts of the city and lynched her. They hung her body to a tree and then went to where her husband was working and asked him to come and help them cut down a cow which was too heavy for them. He went and was dumbfounded when he saw that it was his wife. He humbly begged of them to allow him to go home and get a sheet to wrap it around her. They consented. While in the house he put his Winchester under the sheet and came back. They waited to watch him, but he had beat them to it. Approaching them, he opened fire, killing six. Before they could get to him he made his escape. The Associated Press never said anything about the matter.

The Independent believing the story unreasonable, set about an investigation about the facts, and the following is our finding:

And the Independent rises to remark that there is absolutely no truth in the item reported in the columns of the Defender; that no such crime has been committed; and no Colored woman slapped a White boy, and as a consequence of which no twelve men have lynched a Colored woman and no Negro man has killed six White men. The whole thing is a base fabrication, manufactured out of the whole cloth, and the Defender ought to correct the article. It makes no difference what its feelings are towards the South, it ought to stand up to the truth. It ought to love the truth more than it hates the South, and in the interest of truth and justice, it should admit that it published a libel upon the community and against this section.

B. J. DAVIS.

MRS. JACKSON, SCULPTRESS.

Work of Colored Woman Exhibited at Corcoran Art Gallery at Washington. First Recognition for the Race.

(Washington, D. C., Special) A head of a child modeled by Mrs. May Howard Jackson of this city has recently been placed on exhibition in the lower loan room of the Corcoran Gallery of Art. It is an admirable piece of work, well constructed, nicely modeled and expressive and it takes its place well among the works in this gallery by sculptors of more experience and greater reputation.